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SUBJ: COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA TEAM TO VISIT BOTSWANA

1. ACTING UN HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES REPRESENTATIVE FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA INFORMED EMBOFF THAT FOUR- MAN TEAM FROM UN COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA, HEADED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, WILL ARRIVE GABORONE SOMETIME DURING PERIOD 28 MAY TO 7 JUNE FOR STAY OF 4 TO 7 DAYS. HE UNDERSTANDS GROUP IS CURRENTLY IN ZAMBIA. HE SAID PURPOSE THEIR VISIT WOULD BE MEETINGS WITH GOB OFFICIALS AND NAMIBIANS RESIDENT IN BOTSWANA. GROUP PLANS IN- COUNTRY TRAVEL TO INCLUDE MAMUNO- MAKUNDA AREA ON BOTSWANA'S WESTERN BORDER WITH NAMIBIA WHERE NUMBER OF HEREROS AND OTHER FORMER- NAMIBIANS RESIDE.

2. HIGH OFFICIALS IN GOB REPORTEDLY UNHAPPY OVER TEAM VISIT INCLUDING ITS PLANS TO MAKE TV MOVIE FILM OF THEIR ACTIVITIES IN BOTSWANA. GOB IS REPORTED TO HAVE STIPULATED THAT GOB OFFICIAL MUST TRAVEL WITH GROUP AT ALL TIMES AS ESCORT (READ LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WATCHDOG.) SEEMS GOB HAS ATTEMPTED STALL SOJOURN AS LONG
AS POSSIBLE BUT FINALLY FELT IT HAD TO CONSENT TO COUNCIL ON
NAMIBIA REQUEST FOR VISIT. NELSON

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